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SUBJECT: OPRED: COMMERCE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER FOREIGN
NATIONAL POSITION FROM FRANKFURT TO LONDON.

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1. THE EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF A
FOREIGN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION FROM
FRANKFURT TO LONDON.
2. FULL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT INCLUDING OFFICE SPACE
AT THE TRADE CENTER CAN READILY BE PROVIDED.
3. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE NEW POSITION FALLS OUTSIDE
THE NORMAL STAFFING PATTERN FOR THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL
SECTION AND TRADE CENTER ACTIVITIES, AND THAT FOR
CONTROL AND REPORTING PURPOSES IT WILL STAND ALONE ON
THE DIBA STAFFING COMPLEMENT. THE POSITION WOULD THUS
BE TREATED AS A SEPARATE COMPONENT FOR SUCH MATTERS AS
BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS, FISCAL MATTERS, AND STAFF
REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, THE INCUMBENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED
AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TRADE CENTER STAFF AND SHOULD
BE SUBJECT TO GENERAL SUPERVISION BY THE TRADE CENTER
DIRECTOR.
4. THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR
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\$7,000 TO EMPLOY SOMEONE WITH SUFFICIENT FISCAL AND

ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE TO CARRY INDEPENDENTLY A BROAD RANGE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE EMBASSY NOW PAYS \$7,000 FOR JUNIOR ACCOUNTING CLERKS WHO CARRY LIMITED RESPONSIBILITY UNDER SUPERVISION FOR BUT A SINGLE FACET OF FISCAL AFFAIRS (I.E., TRAVEL VOUCHERS, ALLOWANCES CLAIMS, ETC).

5. RECENTLY PUBLISHED FIGURES SHOW THAT SALARIES IN LONDON HAVE RISEN APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT DURING THE PAST YEAR. THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM, ESPECIALLY IN LONDON, THERE IS A FULL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE EMBASSY IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING NEW EMPLOYEES IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CATEGORY.

6. WHILE WE SHALL START THE RECRUITMENT EFFORT AT THE \$7,000 LEVEL, IT IS PROBABLE THAT WE SHALL BE OBLIGED TO MOVE UPWARD CLOSER TO A \$10,000 CEILING. A FINAL DECISION TO TRANSFER THE POSITION SHOULD CARRY WITH IT A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT SALARY FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE THE MISSION TO RECRUIT A FULLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE FOR THE JOB.

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